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## MEDIA ADVISORY FATALITY ACCIDENT

Today, San Antonio Police Repeat Offenders Program (ROP) Detectives were on burglary patrol in an unmarked vehicle in a northeast neighborhood. approximately 10:19 am, Det. Arthur Pue, a 30-year SAPD veteran, spotted a suspicious vehicle with two male occupants. Det. Pue ran the car's license plate number and received a "stolen" record from his dispatcher. Det. Pue immediately requested marked patrol cars to conduct a traffic stop, but prior to uniformed officers arriving, the suspect's car suddenly turned into a cul-de-sac and then made a U-turn heading directly towards Det. Pue's unmarked police vehicle. Det. Pue reports that the suspect's car rapidly accelerated towards his car and rammed his vehicle, disabling it. The suspect's then opened their doors and one appeared to be reaching under the seat for what he thought was a weapon. Fearing for his life, Det. Pue got out of his vehicle, drew his service weapon and fired towards the suspect's car. The suspect's car backed away and fled the scene. Det. Pue radioed what occurred to all responding officers and shortly thereafter, a Live Oak PD officer saw the suspect's car headed northbound on Lookout Rd towards Loop 1604E. The suspect's car was traveling at an extremely high rate of speed and ultimately lost control as it traveled northbound. The suspect's car then left the roadway, flipped several times, striking a tree. One of the suspects was ejected and subsequently died at the scene. The second suspect was taken into custody as officers arrived at the scene.

The suspects were found to be in possession of a handgun, which was recovered at the scene of the accident along with other items taken in a burglary.

It is unknown if Det. Pue's gunshots struck the suspect's car, but more information will be known as the investigation continues. Since the incident involved a "custodial death", the San Antonio Police Department Shooting Team will conduct the investigation and will forward their findings to Chief William McManus.

The identity of both suspects are being withheld pending formal charges against the suspect in custody and until the notification of the next of kin has been made on the fatality suspect.